THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) and (b) The salient features of the Comprehensive Crop Insuprance Scheme (CCIS) are that it is an area based and credit linked scheme which is voluntary in nature. All farmers growing wheat, paddy, millets, oilseeds and pulses by availing agricultural loans from the cooperative credit institutions, regional rural banks and commercial banks are eligible for crop coverage under the CCIS. The sum insured is equal to the crop loan disbursed and subject to a maximum of Rs. 10,000/- per farmer. The premium payable is 2 per cent (wheat, paddy and millets) and 1 per cent (oilseeds and pulses) of the sum insured. 50 per cent of the premium payable by small and marginal farmers is subsidized equally between Central and State Governments. Idemnity claims are shared between the Central and State Governments in the ration of 2:1. If the actual average yield in any area notified under this scheme falls short of guaranteed yield fixed for that area then the farmers who have availed agricultural loans for insured crops are entitled to a indemnity under the scheme to the extent of shortfall in the yield *vis-a-vis the* guaranteed yield.

(c) The indemnity claims payable to the farmers and the amount collected as premium from them during the last two years is as follows:—

Rs. in Lakhs

Sl. No.	Year	Amount of indemnity claims payable/ paid in Andhra Pradesh	Amount of premium collected by the GIC in Andhra Pradesh
1.	1988-89	225.62	195.58
2.	1989-90	1791.19*	380.45

*Pending for payment by the General Insurance Corporation of India due to non-receip of one-third share of the State Government.

Enquiry into the irregularities in purchase of gunny bags

612. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the General Secretary of NCCF Employees Union was involved in the irregularities in purchase of Gunny Bags at Morena; and

(b) whether any enquiry was held into the scandal and if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Non fulfilment of export obligation by NCCF

613. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NCCF had to pay a penalty of Rs. 2.00 lakhs to CCI&E, for non-fulfilment of his commitment of export obligation in wheat-bran case on behalf of its Associate M/s. Regent International, World Trade Centre, Bombay;

(b) whether the corresponding Bank guarantee of Rs. 2.00 lakhs furnished M/s. Regent International, Bombay, was not enforced and encashed by NCCF officials in its validity period for non-performance of its Contract with NCCF;